

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ANKARA 00232 100926Z

22-12

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 SCA-01 SS-15 NSC-05 CIAE-00

DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02

SCS-03 /059 W

----- 047072

R 100843Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1960

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 0232

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID

SUBJ: US ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN AFTER MATH SEPTEMBER 8

LICE EARTHQUAKE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY, SUKRU ELEKDAG, AND AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, CONCERNING US FUNDING AND TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO HELP VICTIMS OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKE WHICH OCCURRED IN LICE SEPTEMBER 8, 1975. WHILE THE ELEKDAG LETTER WAS DATED DECEMBER 26, 1975, IT DID NOT REACH EMBASSY UNTIL JANUARY 8. THE AMBASSADOR'S REPLY IS DATED JANUARY 9.

A. QUOTE: MY DEAR AMBASSADOR: ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR DEEP THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE GENEROUS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE LICE EARTHQUAKE TOTALLING 200,000 US DOLLARS EXTENDED BY THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS THROUGH THE LEAGUE OF INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES AND ALSO FOR THE 25,000 US DOLLARS WHICH WAS RECEIVED THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ANKARA. THIS TIMELY ASSISTANCE HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE RAPID IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS IN THE DISASTER AREA. WITH kindest regards, SUKRU ELEKDAG. END QUOTE.

B. QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY GENERAL: ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ANKARA 00232 100926Z

OF APPRECIATION FOR THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE VICTIMS OF THE LICE EARTHQUAKE. WE WERE PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO AID IN SOME WAY THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS OF THAT TRAGEDY, AND I WILL WITH PLEASURE CONVEY THE GRATITUDE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IS AN INDICATION OF THE DEEP FEELINGS OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. END QUOTE.

2. BACKGROUND CONCERNING THIS EXCHANGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA A LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR TO EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON. MACOMBER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEE RELIEF, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, LICE, EARTHQUAKES, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS, NATURAL DISASTERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 JAN 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976ANKARA00232
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: DG ALTERED
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760009-1060
From: ANKARA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760169/aaaacjbz.tel
Line Count: 74
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 21 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <21 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <22 JUN 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: US ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IN AFTER MATH SEPTEMBER 8 LICE EARTHQUAKE
TAGS: EAID, SENV, US, TU, (ELEKDAG, SUKRU)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006